

# LATE WEEK WEATHER TRENDS FOR THE NORTHERN MIDDLE ATLANTIC, NEW YORK & NEW ENGLAND

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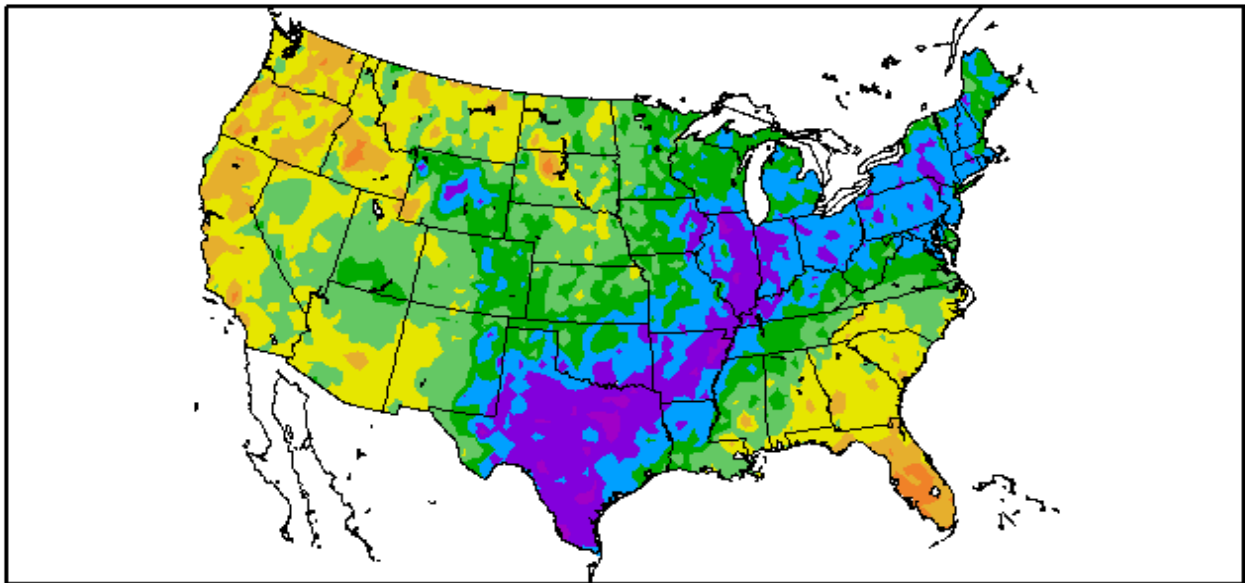
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**HEADING INTO THE MIDMONTH PERIOD THIS WEEKEND HERE IS WHERE THE MARCH  
TEMPERATURE ANOMALY PATTERN STANDS RIGHT NOW**

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)  
3/1/2015 – 3/11/2015



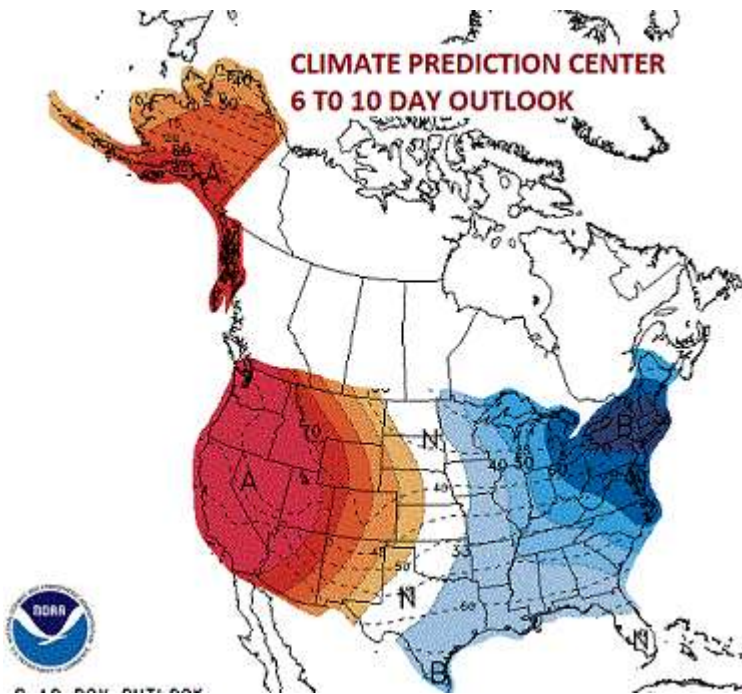
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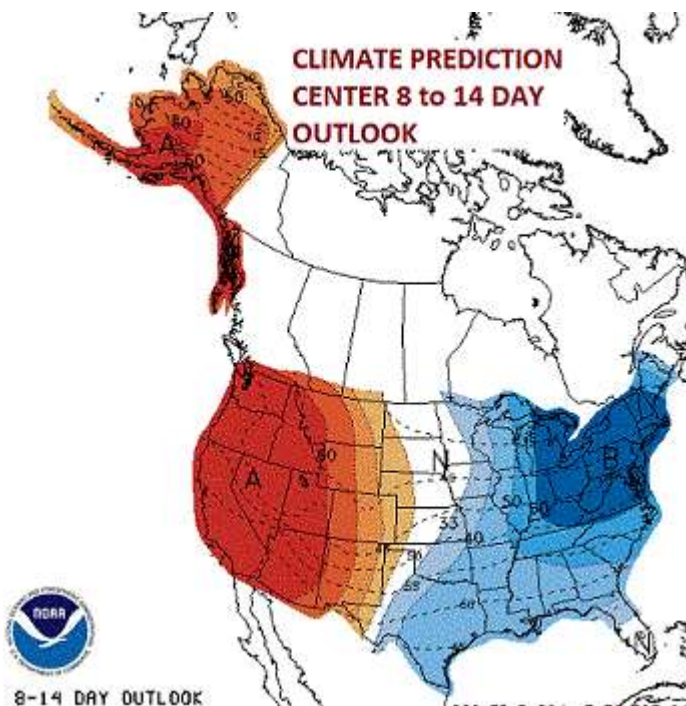
**EVEN WITH THE BURST OF Milder CONDITIONS THAT HAVE SWEEPED ACROSS MANY  
AREAS DURING THE EARLY & MIDWEEK PERIOD, WE WILL REACH THE MIDMONTH  
POINT PRETTY MUCH AS EXPECTED; WIDESPREAD COLDER THAN NORMAL MONTH-  
TO-DATE AVERAGES...**

**HOW ABOUT WHAT THE LATEST GUIDANCE IS SUGGESTING?**

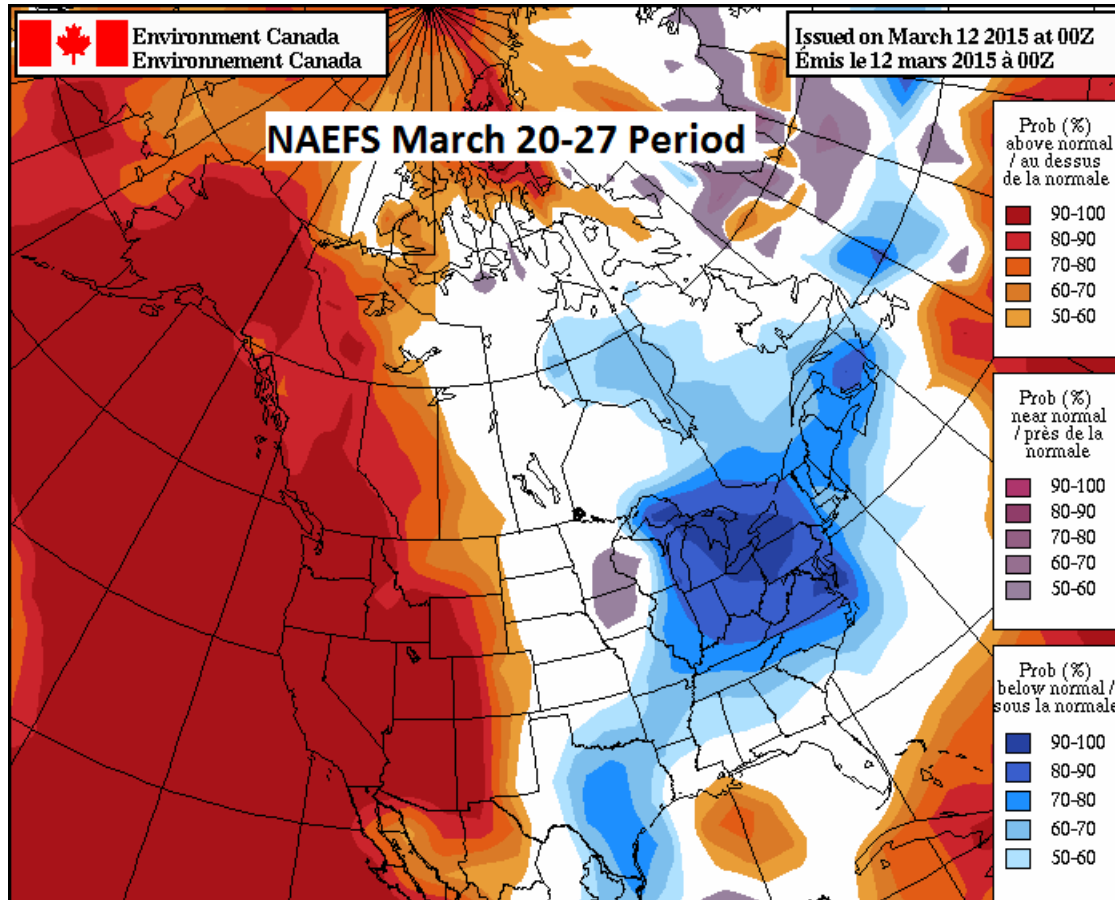
HERE IS THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER'S 6 TO 10 DAY OUTLOOK



HERE IS THE CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER'S 8 TO 14 DAY OUTLOOK



AND LASTLY, **HERE IS THE NAEFS OUTLOOK FOR THE MARCH 20-27 PERIOD...** BY THE WAY, THIS GRAPHIC, WHICH IS PRODUCED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF CANADA, HAS DONE A REMARKABLY GOOD JOB THIS PAST WINTER DEPICTING THE OVERALL TEMPERATURE ANOMALY PATTERN DURING THE WEEK 2 PERIOD...



## TEMPERATURE TRENDS

I do not always agree with the various Climate centers outlooks, but today they are exactly how I expect the mid to late March temperature pattern to trend...

With pretty solid universal agreement in a widespread colder than normal pattern controlling the temperature regime across much of the eastern half of the U.S. for the last half of March, there is not a lot to talk about.

It should be stated that colder to much colder than normal conditions during the mid and late March period is not anywhere near the harsh cold of February. I do think there will be a handful of days that the cold is noteworthy in that it will not fell very spring-like from time to time, but it will not be what I would classify as truly harass cold. Nonetheless, heating demand will run above normal.

A general cool-down got underway across many areas from late Wednesday on into Thursday and that will increase a bit today. But the pattern will still be a bit variable into

early next week and we will likely see temps rebound to above normal levels for a day or two early next week prior to the main cold pattern unfolding.

Unless the modeling and pattern trends are grossly mistaken, March 2015 will end with widespread colder than normal monthly averages across much of the eastern U.S. with the core of the coldest anomalies likely running from Ohio Valley area on across the eastern Great Lakes into the Northern Middle Atlantic region, NY and New England.

## **DISRUPTIVE WEATHER OUTLOOK**



**OVERVIEW:** An active storm will impact a large portion of the Northeastern states, from eastern PA/NJ on across most of central and eastern NY on across New England from tonight right through Saturday, possible even a portion of Sunday.

The primary impacts from eastern PA/NJ on across most of south-central and southeastern NY, Albany southward, CT, RI, Massachusetts and much of the southern thirds of VT & NH and coastal Maine from about Portland westward will be rain and localized areas of small stream and urban flooding. I am not looking for any truly widespread or destructive flooding, but rainfall totals near 1-inch along with modest snow melt is likely to cause at least some local problems, especially in poor drainage areas. The most likely areas to see rain totals exceed 1-inch appears to be parts of southeastern Massachusetts from about the I-95 / I-495 interchange southward across Cape Cod and possibly southern RI. Most other areas from eastern PA/NJ, southeastern NY, NYC/LI, CT, RI, most of interior Massachusetts and southern VT & NH, as well as coastal southwestern Maine will likely stay in the 0.5 to 1.0 rainfall range.

I do not think the areas mentioned above have a meaningful snow threat, but I am somewhat concerned that some icing could occur tonight into early Saturday due to borderline near freezing low-level temps and cold road surfaces. With that in mind caution is urged for travels that have to be out late tonight or travel prior to the midmorning hours Saturday. I would not rule out some light slushy snow cover across parts on interior southeastern NY close to the Albany area, as well as parts of western and northern Massachusetts from the Berkshires eastward along the Route 2 corridor of northern Massachusetts, and southern portions of VT & NH. I am not looking for truly meaningful snowfalls in these areas, but we might see some periods of wet snow prior to the storm fully exiting the region Sunday. If any wet snow falls in these areas, Sunday would be favored over Saturday with rain the more likely precip type Saturday.

Further north across Upstate NY (north of Albany) on across much of central and northern VT & NH, as well as much of interior Maine and a large portion of Downeast Maine things get quite a bit more interesting; especially from late Saturday on into Sunday.

Across these areas I expect a wintry mix of snow, sleet and rain anytime from late tonight on through much of Saturday before a more widespread wet snow event tries to takeover late Saturday night and Sunday. I will be releasing a snowfall prediction map this afternoon to better clarify the threat, but right now these are my general snowfall thoughts.

**2 to 4 inches with scattered + 4 inch amounts**

Upstate NY (north of Albany), central and northern portions of VT, central NH and parts of coastal southwestern Maine just inland along the 95 corridor from Portland to Portsmouth.



**3 to 6 inches with some scattered + 6 inch amounts**

Northern NH, interior southwestern Maine, northern Maine near the Canadian border area and interior southern Maine about 15 to 20 miles inland from the coastal plain north and west of Portland.

**5 to 9 inch amounts with some +12 inch amounts**

West-central Maine on eastward into east-central Maine southward across all of Downeast Maine.

**Again, I will issue a special snow map this afternoon to better define and clarify the snowfall forecast across portions of Upstate NY, northern VT & NH and in particular interior and Downeast Maine.**

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